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FOR S/S

1. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY BRIEFING MATERIAL IN CASE SECRETARY MEETS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT DURING PARIS STOP.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT. SINCE YOU MET WITH JOBERT ON DECEMBER 11, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS: YOUR ENERGY PROPOSAL AND THE INTERNATIONAL REACTION THERE-TO; THE EC SUMMIT MEETING AT COPENHAGEN; AND THE AGREEMENT TO OPEN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE AT GENEVA ON DECEMBER 21.

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3. WE BELIEVE YOUR MAIN TASKS AT THIS MEETING WILL BE: TO GIVE JOBERT A FULL ANALYSIS OF THE ENERGY ACTION GROUP PROPOSAL AND SEEK FRENCH SUPPORT; TO OBTAIN JOBERT'S

ASSESSMENT OF THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT AND STRESS TO HIM OUR
OPPOSITION TO A EUROPEAN UNITY BASED UPON AN ADVERSARY
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S.; AND TO BRIEF JOBERT ON MIDDLE
EAST DEVELOPMENTS.

4. MIDDLE EAST

FRENCH POSITION:

AT THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT FRANCE APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN
THE MOST FORWARDLY PRO-ARAB POSITION, WITH THE UK NOT FAR
BEHIND THE FRENCH. FRANCE REPORTEDLY PRESSED FOR AN UN-
EQUIVOCAL STATEMENT CALLING FOR TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL
ALONG THE LINES OF THE FRENCH INTERPRETATION OF RESOLU-
TION 242. A CONSENSUS WAS REACHED ON COMPROMISE LANGUAGE,
CLOSELY PARALLELING THE EC NOVEMBER 6 DECLARATION, AND
DESIGNED TO PAPER OVER DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NINE. THE

FRENCH SUPPORTED EFFORTS FOR AN EC-ARAB DIALOGUE ON ENERGY
QUESTIONS. JOBERT HIMSELF HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR A TOUR
OF ARAB CAPITALS IN JANUARY.

YOUR TALKING POINTS:

-- GIVE JOBERT YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION ON THE EVE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

-- POINT OUT TO JOBERT THE EUROPEAN INTEREST IN A
SPEEDY MIDDLE EASTERN SETTLEMENT.

-- INDICATE TO JOBERT THAT CONSULTATION IS A TWO-WAY
STREET AND THAT UNILATERAL FRENCH AND EUROPEAN ACTIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ARABS TEND TO COMPLICATE AN ALREADY
COMPLEX NEGOTIATION.

5. YEAR OF EUROPE

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FRENCH POSITION:

WHILE THE FRENCH HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF A NATO DECLARATION, THEY HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT
THROUGHOUT THE US-EC EXERCISE. THEY BELIEVE THAT U.S.
INFLUENCE IS DETRIMENTAL TO A STRONG INDEPENDENT EUROPE
(UNDER FRENCH TUTELAGE, IF POSSIBLE) . AT COPENHAHN FRENCH
ASSERTED THAT US NOW ATTCHED LESSIMPORTANCE TO US-EC
DRAFT.

YOUR TALKING POINTS:

-- EXPLORE, IF APPROPRIATE, THE POSSIBILITY OF
POMPIDOU'S ATTENDANCE AT A NATO SUMMIT.

-- STRESS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE ABSENCE OF REAL PROGRESS ON THE US-EC DRAFT.

--CALL ATTENTION TO YOUR ADDRESS AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL AND YOUR PILGRIMS SPEECH, SPELLING OUT OUR SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNITY AND UNDERSCORE OUR VIEW THAT IT SHOULD BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U.S. AND NOT IN OPPOSITION TO US.

6. COPENHAGEN SUMMIT AND US-EC RELATIONS

THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT APPEARS TO BE A DISAPPOINTMENT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, AS WELL AS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF EC INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT. DESPITE PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS THAT US-EC RELATIONS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT

SUMMIT TOPIC, THE COMMUNIQUE AND THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY PAPER HAD NOTHING NEW TO SAY OF POSITIVE NATURE. COMMUNIQUE MADE ONLY ONE REFERENCE TO U.S., REPEATING THE SELF-SERVING ASSERTION IN ORIGINAL EC DRAFT DECLARATION THAT EUROPEAN UNITY PER SE WILL BENEFIT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE U.S. THE LANGUAGE OF THE "IDENTITY" PAPER, MOREOVER, LOCKS THE EC EVEN FURTHER INTO THEIR PRESENT LANGUAGE IN THE US-EC DRAFT DECLARATION.

YOUR TALKING POINTS:

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-- EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THERE WAS NO EXPLICIT STATEMENT IN EITHER THE COMMUNIQUE OR THE IDENTITY PAPER TO MAKING EFFORTS ENHANCE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

-- STATE THE CONVICTION THAT THIS MAKES IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO PRESS AHEAD WITH EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A CONSTRUCTIVE US-EC DECLARATION, BASED ON A SHORTER VERSION.

-- REQUEST JOBERT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT.

7. TERRORISM

FRENCH POSITION:

WHILE THE GOF POSITION HAS BEEN GENERALLY TO CONDEMN TERRORISM, IT HAS IN PRACTICE LIMITED ITS ACTIONS TO THE PROTECTION OF PURELY FRENCH INTERESTS. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN ARAB TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN PARIS IN SEPTEMBER, THE GOF ACCEDED TO THEIR DEPARTURE FROM FRANCE WITH SAUDI EMBASSY OFFICERS AS HOSTAGES AFTER THE TERRORISTS RELEASED THE FRENCH NATIONALS HELD WITHIN THE

EMBASSY.

WE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE GOF RECEIVES INTELLIGENCE ON
TERRORIST MOVEMENTS BUT APPEARS NOT TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE
TO THE USG. IN SUM, THE FRENCH

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